



## NEWDIGATE PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Mr William Harmsworth (Chairman) Mr Phill Crutcher (Vice Chair) Ms Ameeta Garga, Mr Bill Kear, Mrs Sarah Macdonald, Mr Peter Perdue, Mr Richard Tyson-Davies.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Helyn Clack, Cllr Jo Fara-Astrop, and three members of the public

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr John McKenzie-Sage.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were agreed and approved by all present.

### 4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

### 5. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Newdigate	Daryshire Road	Tools stolen from van
Newdigate	Church Road	Residential Burglary, ground floor window smashed to gain access.
Newdigate	Partridge Lane	Altercation at airport park and ride.

### 6. CLERKS REPORT

- 6.1 No additional items to be included for the parish magazine.
- 6.2 Councillors approved and adopted the Volunteer Policy.

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

- 7.1 Installation of the new wooden allotment gate will be completed within the next week or so by Phill Crutcher free of charge to the Parish Council.
- 7.2 The new Parish Council noticeboard will be installed by Bill Kear who was initially waiting for the ground STATs from Surrey County Council. These have now been received so the work can proceed and installation will be completed free of charge to the Parish Council.

## 8. FINANCE

- 8.1 The current bank balance of £25,801.43 was approved by all councillors, Chairman checked and signed the bank reconciliation sheet.
- 8.2 All councillors present agreed and approved the recommended clerk pay agreement for 2023 By NALC/SALC backdated to April 2023.
- 8.3 The following cheque payments were agreed and approved by all present:

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
HMRC	Clerk Tax December	£160.44 BACS
Mulberrys & Co	Interim Audit October 2023	£263.10 BACS
Roland Allen	Email Send Service	£39.47 BACS
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath 2023	£25.00 BACS
P J Crutcher & Son	Allotment Gate Materials	£244.94 BACS

## 9. PLANNING

- 9.1 The Planning Committee meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December however Full Council reviewed all applications due to lack of attendance.:  
MO/2023/1554/PLA MAJOR – *PC comment please see MVDC planning portal.*  
MO/2023/1680/PNQ – *PC comment Inappropriate and overdevelopment in the green belt. Very small site to accommodate five dwellings. Submitted 12.12.23*  
MO/2023/1679/PLA – *No comment.*
- 9.2 Additional Planning Applications received and considered on 10<sup>th</sup> November:  
MO/2023/1846/PLAH – *No comment.*  
MO/2023/1797/LBC – *No comment.*

## 10. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC CALMING

- 10.1 Speed Watch is going well and continues to operate in the six allocated sites.
- 10.2 Peter Perdue proposed to all councillors that the Parish Council approve the purchase of an electricity powered VAS sign at a cost of £7806.97, which will be positioned on Parkgate Road. This motion was seconded by Ameeta Garga and agreed by all councillors present. Cllr Helyn Clack confirmed that Surrey County Council would cover the cost of ongoing maintenance. In addition, Helyn Clack agreed to find the funds for the purchase of a second VAS sign for the village from the budget for next year. Peter Perdue will liaise with Nigel Pond and further discuss the option of a third VAS sign which will be loaned to Newdigate Village.

## 11. GATWICK MATTERS

- 11.1 Peter Perdue attended the Gatwick Community AGM.
- The number of flights this year has reached 220,331 but not yet at pre-Covid levels which reached 290,000.
  - There is a consultative committee that deals with the level of aircraft noise and airlines that have high results are requested to reduce them.
  - There will be a trial period from January 2024 for a period of six months to trial various approach patterns to help reduce noise levels.
  - Route 4 is still under consultation but expectation for completion by Spring 2024.
  - Future airspace in the South is also in consultation and expectation for completion by 2027.

- An education programme has been underway for some time and a new STEM centre with provision for SEND students was opened in October this year. So far 200 local students have used the centre. There are many areas within the aircraft industry that offer employment.

## **12. FOOTWAYS/RoW/BRIDLEWAYS**

- 12.1 Trig Street - The recent closure of Ibstock works and the possible impact on the project and the future of the land/site was discussed by all councillors. Cllr Helyn Clack confirmed that she would contact the Planning Department concerning the processes that need to be followed, conditions of future use of the site and if the site will be returned to its former condition. Helyn Clack will share any findings with the Parish Council. In addition, Surrey Highways are carrying out a road safety audit on the entrance/exit from the road and findings would be reported back in due course.

## **13. BRICKWORKS**

- 13.1 To date no response has been received from Emily Jupe regarding the new agreement between Surrey Wildlife Trust and Newdigate Parish Council. The Clerk will forward email correspondence to Helyn Clack who will follow up on their behalf.

## **14. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Q1.** A resident asked if any news had been heard from Nick Proctor and any progress/news on BT Openreach works? The Chairman advised that no update had been received to date. Cllr Helyn Clack reported that SCC had sent every resident an information pack on steps to take if an Outage occurred with the power supplies and how to prepare to keep yourself safe. This information from SCC would be forwarded to the Parish Council, who would then share on their website and Facebook page.

Meeting ended 9.22pm

*All councillors and members of the public were invited to stay for mulled wine & mince pies  
by our Chairman William Harmsworth*